

Protection of the euro against counterfeiting, Pericles programme 2002-2013: extension to the non-participating Member States

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PURPOSE: to extend the Pericles programme to Member States not participating in the Euro.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2006/850/EC extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Decision 2006/849/EC amending and extending Decision 2001/923/EC establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the Euro against counterfeiting (the Pericles programme).

CONTENT: the Council has agreed to extend the Pericles programme until the end of 2013 with a total budget of EUR 7 million. The decision to prolong the Pericles programme is set out in Council Decision 2006/849/EC (for a summary, see CNS/2006/0078).

The purpose of this Council Decision is to extend the application the Pericles programme to Member States other than the participating Member States. This move will allow for the uniform exchange of information, staff and training measures implemented under the Pericles programme. It will also help extend the level of protection for the Euro in the Member States where the Euro is not the official currency.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision will take effect on 28 November 2006.